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SUBJECT: RELIEF GRAIN

REF: ADDIS ABABA 5394

1. RELIEF AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION (RRC) SOURCE INDICATED NO KNOWLEDGE OF ARRIVAL IN ASMARA AS OF 16 MAY OF 10,000 METRIC TONS (MT) DROUGHT RELIEF SORGHUM PURCHASED BY RRC FROM HUMERA. A CHECK WITH LOCAL GRAIN MERCHANTS CONFIRMS REPORT ON NON-ARRIVAL. THE RRC MAY STILL HAVE IN STOCK A LARGE PART OF THE 1900 MT OF GRAIN RECEIVED FROM THE ERITREAN RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ASSOC. IN JANUARY 1975.

2. THE ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS RECENTLY TRANSPORTED 230 MT OF FLOUR FROM MASSAWA TO ASMARA. THE FLOUR WAS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO ASMARA RESIDENTS THROUGH ASMARA DISTRICT CHIEFS. HOWEVER, A TEST BY THE PASTEUR INSTITUTE IN ADDIS ABABA DETERMINED THAT THE FLOUR, WHICH REMAINED IN HUMID MASSAWA FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, IS NOW UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

3. THE SECRETARY OF THE RELIGIOUS RELIEF SERVICES ASMARA TOLD CONOFF THAT RRSA HAS DISTRIBUTED 900 MT OF RELIEF COMMODITIES IN ASMARA OVER PAST THREE MONTHS. ALL RRSA DISTRIBUTION CENTERS (CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS) WERE SEARCHED ON 10 MAY, AND THEIR GRAIN STOREROOMS SEALED BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES. AN OFFICER FROM THE

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ETHIOPIAN 2ND DIVISION VISITED SAN FRANCISCO CHURCH ON 15 MAY

AND FORBADE THE DISTRIBUTION OF ANY MORE GRAIN. THE RRSA HAS IN
STOCK IN ASMARA CHURCHES 430 MT OF RELIEF COMMODITIES (CHICKPEAS,
CORN, SURGHUM, AND BRANS).
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